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Geographic Names

December 10, 1927.

Secretary,

United States Geographic Board.

Dear Mr. McCormick:

Your letter of December 6 is received.

I do not believe the name Cerro Blanco would be appropriate for the peak under consideration, and I am quite sure it would not be acceptable to the majority of the residents of that part of New Mexico.

As I understand it, the Spanish word "cerro" means "a hill", therefore you would have cerro blanco, a "white hill", for a peak which everybody in that country always designates as a peak in the White Mountains. Sierra (mountain) blanca (snow-capped) would be far more applicable to the peak than any other name.

Under the circumstances, therefore, I would vote to stick to the name Sierra Blanca and let Cerro Blanco drop out. x

Very sincerely yours,

*Unless the Geo Survey makes
a strong objection.*

Will C. Barnes

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*"CERRO. --- altura de tierra comunmente
peñascosa y áspera"*

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